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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A Petition for Extension of Time is filed herewith, extending the response date from April 26, 2002 to September 26, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel pending claims ~~86-107~~, and add new claims 108-132 as follows.

108. (New) A humanized immunoglobulin having complementarity determining regions (CDRs) from a donor immunoglobulin and heavy and light chain variable region frameworks from acceptor immunoglobulin heavy and light chains, which humanized immunoglobulin specifically binds to an antigen, wherein said humanized immunoglobulin comprises at least three amino acids from the donor immunoglobulin heavy chain framework outside the Kabat CDRs that replace the corresponding amino